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Boy Meets Girl -- Calf

By Ed P. Dewees

It is not often that the occasion arises for a report on romance in this column, but when it does our readers may be assured that the "case" is genuine—particularly when the hero is a live-wire, red-headed, and generously freckled boy, and the heroine possesses soft, golden hair, big brown eyes, and a heart just yearning for his affection! Many are already familiar with the introduction to this story which began in the Ninety and Nine Boys' Camps last summer. David Craven, perhaps better known as "Red," came to camp for the first time and like many boys these days carried the burden of problems too big for him to solve. In camp he learned of a God who loved him, and of a Christ who was able to lift his burden. He made that good confession and was obedient to his Lord in Christian baptism. After camp arrangements were made for him to enter Teddy Leavitt's Bethel Farm Home, at Thorp, Washington, to continue his growth in Christ.

One of Brother Leavitt's plans is to have the boys in the Home engage in 4-H work, and word drifted back to Oregon that Red needed a calf for a 4-H project. When this need was announced at a Northwest District rally at Canby last fall, H. D. Reeves, of the Sellwood Church of Portland, and a former member of the Clackamas County Jersey Club, went to work on the idea. Since it is the practice of this club to award a pure-bred Jersey calf to a 4-H boy or girl each year, he made Red's story known to the members.

In due time technicalities were cleared and on Sunday afternoon, March 30, a presentation service was held at the Oregon City Church. The members of the Jersey Club, a delegation from the Sellwood Church, and officers of the Ninety and Nine were present. Mr. Reeves presided over a brief service which included special music by the Sellwood choir, a talk regarding the work of the Bethel Farm Home by Teddy Leavitt, Jr., and the introduction of Red. John Leinhart, president of the Jersey Club, told of the club's history and purpose and of its interest in 4-H work. The formal presentation of the calf, "Standard Silver Irene," took place in front of the church steps with George Perdue, president of the Challenger's 4-H Jersey Club, doing the honors on behalf of his organization. Miss Lucille Gale presented Red with a membership in the club and he joined the members present in repeating the 4-H pledge. The photographers then went to work and Red had the happy chore of trying to keep "Standard Silver Irene" in a photogenic mood—the first of many happy chores in which the Ninety and Nine Men of Oregon wish him well.

Milwaukie Church "at Home"

March 30 was a "red-letter" day for members and friends of the Milwaukie Church, for at long last they held their first service under their own roof. To be sure, they followed the precedent of the brethren at Glendale, Sutherlin, and Seaside by moving in just as soon as a part of the building could be made ready for use, and much labor lies ahead before the

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NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

Some progress can be reported toward our water pump. The ditch has been made for the underground cable to take electricity to the pump and the cable has been delivered. The concrete base for the pump and floor and foundation for the pump house are about ready. Installation of the pump is promised soon.

Vacation

Mrs. Hill took her vacation on the way to the annual staff meeting of workers in the National Benevolent Association held in St. Louis March 31 and April 1 and 2. Mrs. Clara Stivers Vernon contributed time to stay at the Home in the absence of Mrs. Hill. She was field worker for benevolence in the Northwest prior to the location of the Home at Beaverton.

Picture Show

The family of Northwestern Christian Home enjoyed a showing of the two reel film, "Open Doors," depicting the work of The National Benevolent Association and the 12 Homes included in its work.

Several of the Home guests have been sufficiently indisposed during the past month to require tray service. Most of the time there was at least one unable to come to the dining room for meals.

Field Representative Walter L. Myers represented our benevolent work in some of the district conventions in Washington and attended the staff meeting in St. Louis.

Rhubarb

Spring is bringing an abundant crop of rhubarb to the Home garden and as much of it will be used as the sugar supply will permit. Last year request was made for additional sugar to utilize the rhubarb but OPA said "NO!"

Contributions

Contributions received in Northwest Christian Home in February were $43.36 more than February a year ago. We are hoping that March and April will equal or exceed their records of 1946 when March brought $993.16 and April, $1,242.75.

A bequest in the will of Mrs. Emma Ickes, of eastern Washington, brought nearly $500 to the building fund of Northwestern Christian Home. Gradually the fund grows by such gifts toward the time of larger service.—Walter L. Myers.

Salem Girl Wins Honor

Joyce Van Dyke, of the First Church in Salem, had the honor of winning the Parshad Scholarship Award (expenses paid to the Youth Conference at Lake Tahoe) for writing the best essay on the subject of "Christian Faith in My Community." This was an interdenominational contest in the state and will be judged again in a regional contest which will follow. This contest was sponsored by the Oregon Youth Council.

Joyce is a member of our State Youth Committee and has been active in the promotion of our own youth activities. She is also president of the Young People's Conference at Turner for this year. We congratulate you, Joyce.

Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

Oregon has been blessed by the presence of several Direct Support missionaries recently. Harold Cole recently spent three days with his living link church at Wilamina. On Friday evening, May 21, a potluck fellowship dinner was enjoyed there with a large number of brethren from various other churches in the county in attendance. At this time Brother Cole gave a very interesting talk concerning his plans for the immediate future. He regaled his audiences with experiences one meets as he is learning the Japanese language. He expected to sail on March 28 for Osaka where he would be engaged as a "Missionary Representative," building or securing homes, and in other ways preparing the way for his own family and other members of the Osaka Mission. It seems that three members of the Osaka Mission have Living Link support from Oregon Churches: Harold Cole, from Willamina; Mrs. Harold (Leone) Cole, from Athena; and Martin B. Clark, who with his family are preparing to go to Osaka, from his former pastorate at Heppner, Oregon. Other members of this Mission will be Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neilson,who have just closed a ministry of a little less than three years at Elsinore, California; George H. Beckman, a student at Butler University; and Ethel Brown, also a student at Butler. While Brother and Sister M. B. Madden, founders of the Osaka Mission, will probably not be returning to Japan, they are still actively interested and at work in behalf of the work there. We understand that Grace Madden Braley is now in China. We do not know her plans for the future.

Mediterranean Mission

Another missionary family which recently made a hurried trip into Oregon, visiting a number of churches, is that of Mr. and Mrs. Guy M. Mayfield. Brother Mayfield spent 18 months in Southern Italy during 27 months service in Mediterranean countries as chaplain in the U. S. Army Air Forces. During that time he did considerable missionary work among the people of the Italian Province of Apullia, baptizing 13 of them. Brother Mayfield made the acquaintance of a number of ministers, especially of the Waldensian Church, who became greatly interested in the Restoration Plea, and are eager for him to return and establish a Christian School for the training of their children, and for preparing young people to spread New Testament Christianity. Brother and Sister Mayfield and their two children, William, 9, and Mignon, 6, have their passport and hope to sail on the City of Athens, May 20. Other members of this Mission are Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Phipps, and Miss Betheen Grubaugh, a graduate nurse. With the exception of Mrs. Mayfield these all have living link support, as follows: Mr. Mayfield from the West Side Church, Springfield, Illinois; the two Mayfield children from the Missionary Society of First Church, Washington, Indiana; Mr. Phipps from the church at Barberton, Ohio; Mrs. Phipps from the South Louisville (Ky.) Church; and Miss Grubaugh from the Church at Bridgetown, Ohio. Living Link support is being sought for Mrs. Mayfield. Other financial needs of the Mission will be "Travel money, money for the ground and building material for the school, and money for supplying the physical needs of students, plus about $1,000 "to equip and supply a dispensary for Miss Grubaugh to use in her ministry."

Alaska

Another missionary making a number of recent appearances in Oregon is

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The Crusade in Oregon

The following churches have accepted goals for the Crusade for A Christian World: Alvadore, Astoria, Corbett, Estacada, Eugene Fairmount, Florence, Gladstone, Hermiston, Irving, Jasper, Junction City, Klamath Falls, Mill City, Milton, Molalla, Oakland, Ontario, Oregon City, Portland Central, Portland Kern Park, Portland Mallory, Portland St. John, Redmond, Rockaway, Seaside, Silverton, Turner, Willamina.

The total goals accepted to date are: Baptisms, 1,337; Other additions, 1,415; new Sunday School enrollment, 2,311; Homes contacted for Christ, 1,895; leaders in training, 362; tithers, 955; proportionate givers, 735.

We urge the churches to mail their acceptance cards. You are not obligated to accept the goals suggested; but accept some goal. The need is great; urgency is imperative.

Calling All Men

The Grounds Committee is anxious to have the grounds in good condition for the forthcoming summer. They are asking the men who are within reach of Turner, both preachers and laymen, to come to Turner on May 12 for the purpose of doing necessary clean-up and repair work in getting the grounds and buildings in readiness for the convention. Bring a hammer and saw, a shovel, paint brush as you may have them. Also, don't forget to bring a lunch. There will be no means of getting lunch on the grounds and there is no eating place there. Inform W. H. Lyman, Chairman of the Committee if you can go. His address is 1745 Norway, Salem, Oregon.

Hampton Adams in State

Hampton Adams, pastor of the Union Avenue Christian Church in St. Louis, Missouri, and president of the International Convention, will spend several days in the state this month in the interest of the International and World Conventions at Buffalo, New York, in July. His schedule is as follows: Mallory Ave. Church, Portland, April 15; Salem First Church, April 16; and Eugene First Church, April 17. Everybody is invited.

Easter Reports

May we ask pastors to report their Easter results as promptly as possible so we may give them a good spread in the May issue of this paper. The May issue will also carry the convention program in full. Other items will have to be condensed as much as possible. But reports will receive a prominence.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

The Rural Church

The coming of Mark Dawber, a nationally known rural church life worker, to the state this month should be a matter of more than ordinary interest. In the Northwest Christian College notes, this issue, it is announced that he will be at Corvallis, at N. C. C., and at the Valley Christian Church on April 23, 24 and 25 respectively.

As a people we have forgotten the primary importance of the rural church. Originally we were a rural church group. In latter years the lure of the city has held a spell over ministerial students and the rural church has been used mostly as a stepping stone to a "greater opportunity," by which is meant the city church. There are some compensations in living in the city, but there are vastly more in working in the rural church. Happy is the man who sees the possibilities in the rural church.

The city church is dependent in a large measure on the country church. Let any city pastor ask his Sunday morning audience just one question, "How many of you confessed Christ and received your childhood training in a community of less than 2,500 people?" You will be surprised at the response. A rural church is reckoned as one existing in a community of less than 2,500 people. Judged by that standard at least 78 of our 150 churches in Oregon are rural churches.

There are two outstanding examples among us of what can be done in a rural church. Nine years ago Paul Moore went to Athena at a time when the church was at a very low ebb. He literally resurrected the church and today it occupies a place of leadership in the community that is to be envied by many urban churches. It has taken nine years, and Paul says he isn't through yet. The other situation is at Hood River Valley. A little more than a year ago H. L. Porter came to this church determined to put on a real rural church program. There are few city churches that are having the influence in the community that this church now has.

We hope that many of our rural pastors will attend one of these meetings conducted by Dr. Dawber. Remember the dates.

WILLAMINA—Ray Smith is having special programs every Sunday. The Crusade is looming large on his horizon. The state secretary visited on the 9th of March with a message, and in return he got a bountiful dinner.

NYSSA—The work there is moving under the leadership of George Whipple. With him a trip was recently taken over the valley. That section is fast competing with Willamette Valley for density of population.

Financial

March, 1947

CHURCES: Corbett, $50; Coquille,, $21.45; Falls City, $9; Klamath Falls, $2; La Grande, $50; Lebanon, $50; Myrtle Point, $50; Newport, $3; Nyssa, $14.51; Portland Englewood, $50; Portland Kern Park, $10.41; Salem First, $33.33; Stayton, $25; The Dalles, $5; Yamhill, $10.

SCHOOLS: Dallas, $20.

INDIVIDUALS: B. Ross Evans, $20; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fortna, $5; T. G. Richardson, $3.

CENTENNIAL: Yamhill Church, 64 cents; Mrs. Belle Gettling, Ashland, $3; J. A. Bennet, Portland, $3; C. H. Fowler and Family, Sellwood, $25; Mrs. Emma Gibson, Mallory Ave., $15.

YOUTH—Kern Park, $1.25.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest earnings, $50.83; Paid on notes, $80.47.

Only three months remain now until the convention and close of the year. The General Fund for March is just neck and neck with one year ago. To meet an increased budget the offerings must exceed last year. The centennial fund still has a number of unpaid pledges. Our ambition was to collect all in by convention time. We can yet do it if everybody will cooperate. If you cannot pay it drop us a word to that end and say about when you can pay. We do not desire to work a hardship on anybody, yet we are anxious to have this closed up.

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(Late Receipts)—Englewood church, $50; Kern Park Church, $10.41; McMinnville Church, $74.23; Powell Butte Church, $10; Interest earnings, $28.92.

Revised Convention Fees

The charges for accommodations on the grounds at Turner have been revised. By the admission of many campers they have been too low. At the highest rates we could possibly set the convention would still be subsidizing your staying on the grounds. The wear, damage and loss on the equipment is entirely out of line with what we could possibly charge. The new rates set forth for this year are as follows:

Swander Lodge: rooms with one double bed, $3.50; rooms with two double beds, $6.00.

Centennial Lodge: All rooms have two single steel cots, $4.25.

Rooms in rear of tabernacle: 6 with two double beds, $5.00; one with 4 double beds, $3.00 per bed.

Conference Cabin: four double beds, $3.00 per bed.

Cabins will pay the annual rental of $2.50; tents will pay the fee of $2.00.

Reservations are being received now. Centennial Lodge is filled. Swander Lodge has only a few rooms with two double beds left. The rear of the tabernacle still has several rooms left. Reservations will be held without payment only until June 1. If the fee is not received at that time a vacancy will be declared and those on the waiting list will be served.

Rooms in town will be available at moderate prices. For these you may write to Freeman Yardley, Turner. Do not write this office for rooms in town, for we know nothing about them. Write Yardley. Further information about the convention, or the program, will be gladly given from this office. Write C. F. Swander, Secretary, 512 Panama Building, Portland 4, Oregon.

NEWBERG—11 baptisms and 1 by statement in March. J. Frank Cunningham, pastor.

Northwest Christian College News

By Kenneth Johnston

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The rural churches of Oregon are not a problem but an opportunity. Some rural congregations have been able to render signal service to their communities. Others are in need of help and guidance in order to measure up to their possibilities.

Oregon is to be especially blessed in having an outstanding rural church leader share with us his wisdom for a brief time soon. Dr. Mark Dawber, General Secretary for the Home Missions Council of North America, author of "Rebuilding Rural America," is to spend three April days with us. All who can possibly do so should attend one of these meetings in which he will participate.

Dr. Dawber will be in Corvallis on April 23. Detailed announcements concerning the activities of that day will be announced through the newspapers.

On April 24 Dr Dawber will be at N. C. C. He will be available for individual and group conferences and will address the N. C. C. chapel.

On April 25 Dr. Dawber, together with various rural church leaders of Oregon, will hold a one-day rural church conference in the Valley Christian Church, Hood River. The pastor, Lawrence Porter, is arranging for the meeting and all churches are invited to participate.

We anticipate that Dr. Dawber will help us to see our opportunities and will stimulate us to employ our resources in a manner to make increasingly effective the Gospel of Christ in our rural areas. If we are ever to lead America to Christ we must give primary attention to the redemption of rural areas.

Rosa Page Welch

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch was the special chapel speaker and soloist for chapel services March 18. Mrs. Welch more than justified the highest expectations of faculty and students. Her messages both in song and in word were challenging and inspiring.

Rex Dallas Speaks

Rex Dallas, state evangelist for Washington Christian Churches, alumnus, and member of the board of trustees of Northwest Christian College, was the speaker for the special pre-Easter chapel services and student faculty dinner March 20. These services provided a great beginning for the two weeks of pre-Easter evangelism.

Evangelism

Students and faculty members served Christian Churches throughout five states in pre-Easter evangelistic meetings. Full report of the meetings will be given later.

Practical Teaching

Once each year Professor William Siefke takes his class in **Preacher and His Task** to Simon's Funeral Parlor in Eugene. They make a thorough survey of the chapel, becoming acquainted with its various functions. Also, Mr. Simon outlines the entire procedure of conducting a funeral.

Cady Estate

Because he loved the church and recognized the value of Christian Education, Clarence E. Cady, deceased, provided in his last will and testament that the bulk of his estate should go to Northwest Christian College. The estate left to the college consists of 160 acres of land, 10 head of cattle, 30 sheep, 8 goats and a flock of chickens. The farm is located near Sweet Home, Oregon. Mr. Cady was a retired school teacher. Through the years he has been an active and faithful member of the Christian Church at Holly, Oregon.

Mary Emma Ickes Estate

The late Mrs. Mary Emma Ickes, of Palouse, Washington, through her thoughtfulness and generosity provided a legacy of $500 for Northwest Christian College. The College through the years has appreciated the friendship and generous financial help which Mrs. Ickes has bestowed upon the school. Mrs. Ickes was a devoted member of the Palouse Christian Church.

World Convention

This office has received a number of applications for hotel reservations at Buffalo for the World Convention the last of July. It would be unsafe to go without securing accommodations in advance. If you plan to go write us for the reservation blank.

New Church Planned

The Portland brethren have contemplated for a long time the organization of a new church in Portland. Their plans are materializing. A Joint Board of the Christian Churches of Greater Portland has been organized. Elery Parrish has been retained as an evangelist. A committee has prospected the territory in the Park Rose area. A location has been selected at NE 116th and Prescott streets. Actual work will begin about May 1. The State Board has allocated $2,000 from the Centennial Fund for the securing of property. It is to be hoped there will be unity in the project.

State Convention

Oregon disciples should clear the date June 23-29 for the state convention. O. L. Shelton, Butler University, has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker. The program will be printed in full in the May issue of the OREGON CHRISTIAN.

Crusade — Stewardship

Easter to Pentecost is the time set apart this year by the Crusade for a Christian World to emphasize stewardship. The Crusade goal for tithers and proportionate givers is 500,000 enlisted in the next three years. Every church has a goal. Literature has been sent to every church that will be an aid to effectual propagation of stewardship teaching. Make the most of the seven weeks following Easter.

PORTLAND FIRST—Myron C. Cole, pastor, reports 115 additions to the church in the first six months of his ministry there. This is a good record. Brother Cole is evangelistic.

CORBETT — The church celebrated their 34th anniversary on March 2 with special services and a dinner. The state secretary was present. Walter A. Barnes is pastor.

NEWPORT — This church has frequent additions under the leadership of Eldon Wiidanen. A visit by the state secretary on the 23rd was greatly enjoyed. It was a delightful fellowship in the apartments of the pastor and his wife. Also it was a delight to renew old acquaintances with George Williams, E. E. Coulter, and Ellsworth Coulter, besides others from many places. It was the secretary's pleasure to again "fly" through the courtesy of Ellsworth Coulter.

OMA LOU MYERS, Mallory Avenue Church, recently spent a week-end with Ronald and Naomi Osborn, in Eugene.

Interesting Letter from O. J. Goulter

By Muriel Jordan

A recent letter from O. J. Goulter is of interest to many folk here in Oregon as it gives some details concerning the kind of equipment he hopes to take to China with him on his return next summer. The letter in part is as follows: "Yes, this is the first week that Irene and have been at home and alone since I returned from China. We have five appointments, but they are all ones that we can go to in the car. We are in the thick of correspondence and plans for return to China. We will need to charter a ship, but if we don't take things now while we have the chance, we probably never will. I have been making plans for taking a printing press.

"I wrote to the Burpee Company about their canning outfits. Theirs is a very simple and comparatively inexpensive one and probably I will take one of them. But the trouble is —the cans. In the U. S. folks just buy the cans. But we might have to make them ourselves, and that entails quite a lot of equipment.

"I had expected to have time to shop this week, but the doctor ordered me to take a series of examinations to see what further patching up I might need before leaving for China. Irene is very well and I think I can get a little digestive trouble straightened out soon and then be ready to go in August or September.

"Certainly it would be worthwhile to take more than one of the canners, and if possible I will get a cooker for making tomato juice. Before the war it was easy to get these things. As soon as I find out the exact price I will let you know. The sealer is twenty some dollars—perhaps $25, and the cooker is some tens of dollars, as the Chinese put it. And of course we should allow an added 30% for freight and duty. I expect the cooker will cost about a hundred.

"James McCallum tells of 180 baptisms at one of the smaller towns, and my Chinese friends write back very enthusiastic letters. The latter carry on just as though there were no such thing as war threatening them all the time. They go on from day to day as best they can, hoping and praying that things will improve, and that they can go about their work at least in some fashion.

"We have one more trip ahead, to Oklahoma and the middle west. They have big plans in Missouri for equipment for us which is to be shown at the convention where we are to speak. I am still living in delightful memories of the interest and good treatment manifested all over Oregon."

Correction

An error was made in last month's missionary column in giving the address of Kenneth and Grace Hendricks, missionaries to Japan. It should have read: "The quick way to reach us is by air-mail, sending the letter NOT to us, but to Dr. P. S. Mayer, GHQ-SCAP-CI & E, APO 500 c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif. In the RETURN address in the upper left hand corner, work in the name Hendricks (for example: Hendricks, c/o your name and address) so that Dr. Mayer will know it is for us without bothering to open it."

Mrs. Menzie's Letter (continued)

"I must pass on to the field where I labored for 20 years, Pendra Road. A throng greeted us, both townspeople and Christians from their village one mile away. They had so many garlands to put around my neck I could hardly see over the top of them. This vast sea of bowing, smiling faces was worth coming half way around the world to see. Pendra Road was a dense jungle in 1900, but now there are more than 1,000 Christians in that area, to say nothing of those gone out through the years to many places all over India in many departments of service. Some are teachers in colleges, in high schools, in Junior and Primary schools; in government office, Forestry, veterinary department, police, doctors, nurses, farmers, evangelists, pastors and so on until you realize the great miracles the Grace of God has wrought in this backward area. It took a week to visit the homes of this Christian village, it has grown so. There is the splendid Girls vocational school with over 100, that is training not only the head and the hand, but the heart and spirit as well.

"I spent three days in the T. B. Sanitorium and was busy visiting the patients, seeing violet and X-ray treatments, screenings and viewing the photographs noting the progress of treatment. I saw operations of removing the rib and collapsing the lung. The sanitorium occupies two 80-acre tracts and is a village by itself with 66 cottages, 8 wards, staff quarters housing about 200 patients, and all it takes to run the laboratory, dispensary, etc. In this sanitorium there are little children needing a kindergarten to prepare their minds for Primary school. No budget for this was available. We talked about the possibility for such a work and how it could be undertaken and asked the Lord to show us the way. When the mail came that afternoon a letter with a $50 check came from a children's day collection in a prominent church in Portland, Oregon. It is not difficult to know just where that gift was to go from children of U. S. A. to the children of a T. B. Sanitorium in India. Wonderful how that gift was started without knowledge of what it could be used for and it arrived at the psychological moment. That is the way God does things if we let Him. Three such gifts came while I was there.

"I am in Jubblepore as I finish this and have just visited the Press turning out all kinds of religious literature, temperance literature and tracts, and distributing Bibles or Bible portions. The missionaries in mid-India are meeting in a conferenec or convention and is a time of fellowship and planning how best to get the Word to all, in every department, medically, educationally, evangelistically, and through the printed page. There are many triumphs of the gospel everywhere. May the Christ spirit possess you and work through you to the doing of His will and that the fruits you bear remain. He has said, "Ye are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you. Yours in His service, gratefully and prayerfully, Hattie Menzies."

WORSHIP

By Thelma Stanley

A little old lady went to church each Sunday morning 30 minutes before the worship began. She sat in her usual pew and waited for service to start. One day she was asked, "Why do you come to church so early?" She replied, "I come early to worship."

In many churches it would be impossible to go so early to worship because of the activities that are held in the sanctuary before the service begins. But what a wonderful habit this lady had or arriving early instead of late as many people do.

The story is told of a man who had three hands. A left, a right, and a behind-hand. He was behind-hand (late) to church, Bible School, committee meetings, etc. There are other people in the church who have three hands also. These people come walking into the church after it has started and do not hear the first of the service. A worship service is planned as a complete unit of thought and to miss the first part is often the same as losing the "key" that unlocks the thoughts that will bring one closer to God. Not only that, but to be "behind-hand" causes confusion and breaks the unity of the service.

People must be at work or school on time, leave when the train, bus or air-plane goes, keep appointments, etc. Then isn't it just as important to keep an appointment with God and be at church on time? It is said, "The early bird catches the worm." The man who gets to church on time, is the one who gets the spiirtual feast. The late comer is a reproach to himself, his God, and his fellowman. Are you like the little old lady who came to church early to worship, or like the man who had three hands?

Missionaries to pray for this month are: Don Rice, India; Melba Palmer, Tibetan border.

A Challenge

"The disciples of Christ are stewards of one home in eighty in our nation. One half million children under ten years of age live in those homes. And 137,000 young people of high school age belong to our families . . . At the present time the members of our homes live in approximately 460,000 homes. But only one-third of these are exclusively Disciple; the rest are but partially affiliated with our church. In projecting this three year goal—" but Shucks! there isn't room to tell it all here. Get the April Church School Guide and read the whole article. It is the first one in the magazine.

WHY I AM GOING TO BUFFALO

By L. N. D. Wells

First: I am going to the conventions in Buffalo because of the wife I married. Very early in our married life she made up her mind that I must attend all our state and national gatherings, even when it demanded heroic financial sacrifice. As I review my years in the ministry, I look upon my convention attendance as a recurring inspiration for my ministry. It has always been my best method for acquaintance, which means so much among disciples. It enables us also to keep in closest touch with the ongoing of our great brotherhood. Our younger men should get the habit and their wives should see that they do.

Second: I'm going to the conventions for the finest possible fellowship which always helps man both to be and to do his best.

Third: I'm going to the conventions to keep pace with the progress of our Crusade for a Christian World. This is the greatest enterprise ever undertaken by our people. I want to know all I can about it and I want to contribute what little I may to its promotion.

Fourth: I'm going to the conventions because our brotherhood greatly needs the inspiration of a large group enthused over a worthy cause. Somehow, I feel that the enthusiasm generated in Buffalo may be added the power that must come to bring the Crusade to victory.

Come for the contagion, then go and push the cause!

—From the Christian Evangelist

An Achievement Chart for Sunday Schools

We have been looking for it and now here it is—just its skeleton. If you want to get the whole thing see it in the Bethany Church School Guide for April. Here is the chart:

1.—A BIBLE school
2.—A CHURCH school
3.—A BROTHERHOOD school
4.—An EVANGELISTIC school
5.—A WORLD MINDED school
6.—A GROWING school
7.—A GRADED school
8.—A PLANNED school.
9.—A LEADER-TRAINED school
10.—A CHURCH-GOING school.

Don't you want one like that? You may have it. Read more about it in the Guide.

Direct Support News

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Dr. Homer C. Murphy, of Juneau, Alaska. While Sister Murphy and their 12 year old son, Zatis, hold the fort at Juneau, Brother Murphy is spending some time in the States endeavoring to raise money to clear the mission property of debt. We understand that some $2,000 is yet needed for this purpose. Dr. Murphy went as far as Southern California where he participated in the missionary rally at Englewood. He has spoken in a number of churches, both in Western and Eastern Oregon. At present he is engaged in a two-weeks series of pre-Easter meetings in the Newberg Church. His plan is to sail from Seattle on April 8 to return to Juneau. The present mission property did serve as parsonage and church until the audience became so large that it was necessary to secure a hall for the services. It is Dr. Murphy's desire, once the property is free of debt, to remodel the present building, making it adequate as a church building. With the use of some material already on hand he estimates the remodelling cost at about $4,500, which is considerably less than a suitable new building would cost.

Charles Railsback, writing from Ketchikan, Alaska, March 17, says that Mrs. Jessie Chandler had arrived and would take over the work there until the arrival of Brother Earl Chandler who is touring the Middle West in the interest of the Alaskan work. Brother Railsback is still carrying on at Wacker where he reports the baptism of a young Catholic woman on March 16. This is the second Catholic he has baptized since Christmas.

Ray Zack

The family of Ray Zack, missionary to his own people, the Yakima Indians, has been besieged with illness. They have a new baby, born in January. Ray and his wife have both had the flu. And the last word we had said that their daughter, Patricia Rae, was in the hospital and would require an operation. Ray is capable of doing a fine work for Christ among his people, and needs and deserves financial assistance in it. Address, "Ray Zack, 208 No. Elm Street, Toppenish, Washington;" or, "John D. Runyan, Box 721, Prosser, Washington."

Hungary and Romania

Frank Vass, who did an outstanding work among the people of Hungary and Romania from 1938 to 1940, hopes to be able to return in July of this year with his wife and daughter Esther. These able exponents of New Testament Christianity should be undergirded financially for their labor of love in Central Europe. Address Frank Vass, 814 W. 55th St., Los Angeles 37, California.

Boy Meets Girl — Calf

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day of formal dedication, but the victory is still precious. The labors and prayers of many have gone into it and certainly the prayers of the boys in the 1945 Boys' Camp at Turner have been answered.

Bible School attendance was 88 despite a downpour of rain. Two couples came forward in the morning service to place their membership with the congregation. Wayne Jensen, of Portland, has been given a call to minister to the church. Ninety and Niners are reminded that a portion of the state budget has been allocated for the Milwaukie building fund and that men who cannot donate labor on the building can help through their stewardship.

West Eugene Fund Grows

To date $600 has been forwarded by state treasurer Noble to the West Eugene building fund from members of the Millennium Minute Men and a good start has been made toward the $700 mark. After careful consideration of costs and adaptability of the army chapel, the First Christian Church, of Eugene, which has sponsored the application for it, decided to forego its option. However, the church will continue to support a building program for the West Eugene brethren in cooperation with other groups working to that end.

Among the more than 500 members of the MMM who have subscribed to the West Eugene call thus far have been U. S. Army chaplains Harlan Woodruff and Frank Gosser. Harlan is stationed in Tokyo where he and his wife are taking advantage of opportunities to fit themselves for future service for Christ in Okinawa. Both chaplains gave interesting reports concerning the reopening of our missions in Japan. Excerpts from Brother Gosser's letter follow:

"It has just dawned on me that I am not one of the MMM. I explained the plan to the men in the mid-west when I was at Butler, but never have done anything in a financial way. Enclosed is a check with this letter. I am much interested in the work in West Eugene which was begun while I was in school in Eugene. . . . I am located in Sapporo, Hokkaido. This is the center of the northernmost island. I have been with this division since January, 1946. Last month I had the privilege of spending 10 days in Tokyo with the Woodruffs. I visited the work of the Cunningham Mission with Owen Still, attending Sunday services with him in the only building they have left out of eight or nine. Also, I spent two days with the Hendricks at Seigakuin, (Margaret K. Long School). These missionaries are facing many hardships in coming back to Japan. They are teaching in crowded quarters without heat and other facilities, yet the work is being carried on for Christ."

Bristow Busy

Arlo Bristow closed a meeting with John Stone and the church at Noti on March 9. This was the first revival held by the church in 12 years. There were 7 confessions and all but two of the candidates had been baptized when the meeting ended, and these were to be baptized the following Sunday. After this meeting Brother Bristow conducted a survey of the Gates community with students from N. C. C. and members of the Mill City Church, preaching for the Gates congregation on March 30.

District Rally Echoes

Eastern Oregon men held a fine rally at Ontario on February 24. Delegations came from Burns, Nyssa, La Grande, Heppner, Athena, and from Weiser and New Plymouth, Idaho. Joe Jewett brought the message and showed the motion picture, "The Man Who Forgot God." Total attendance was over 50 and an offering of $33 was received for the state budget. On February 26 men from Enterprise and La Grande met with the Wallowa men for an inspirational evening. Gene Robinson spoke and Joe Jewett showed films.

The Coast District met at the Seaside Church on March 10 with 37 men and boys present. Clifford Snyder led in the evening song service, and Jess Johnson led in prayer. The district voted to cooperate with the Tillamook church in entertaining the two-day conference on men's work with Brother Fife on April 11 and 12. An illustrated temperance lecture was presented by Mr. Harley Harvey, of Newport. Next rally will be held in Astoria on May 12.

Yamhill Ninety and Niners met in a district rally at Newberg on March 17. Wallace Jones, president of the Newberg Ninety and Nine, introduced Evangelist Floyd Ross, who gave a stirring talk on the cure for delinquency while the men remained about the tables. In the following program in the church auditorium Bruce Caldwell led the singing and Jimmie Osborne gave the invocation. Miss Ruby Pyle and Miss Jean Cunningham, from N. C. C., sang three duet numbers and Kenneth Johnston brought the inspirational message. Total attendance was 94.

A Northwest District rally was held at Hillsboro on March 27 with 178 in attendance. Ralph Helseth led the singing and Hubert Sias led the prayer. Howard Cole conducted a brief testimonial service and a reading was given by Mrs. Charles Dumas. St. Johns took roll call honors for the third time and presented Kern Park with a fine picture (of a guest). J. D. Harden, Forest Grove preacher, brought the message on "Fighting the Good Fight."

JAMES A. BENNETT

Died on February 17 in Portland. Brother Bennett came to Oregon in 1912 and became pastor of the Hood River Valley Church. After a fruitful pastorate there he went to Junction City, then to Silverton. While there he was stricken in 1929 with arthritis from which he never recovered. He was one of the best men who ever graced a pulpit. His wife preceded him several months ago. He leaves a daughter, Vida, of Portland; and a son, James, in St. Louis, Missouri. The editor counted him one of the truest personal friends he ever had.

Conference Plans

Your state director of young peoples conferences spent 4 days in Spokane last month in conference with others in like position studying the young people's work. Mrs. Goldia Ferguson, The Dalles, accompanied him inasmuch as she is to dean the Pioneer camps at Turner and Cove this year. Also, this was the initiation of two new Oregon deans of young people's conferences—Gene Robinson and Fred L. Towne. They have both been accredited as deans and took this opportunity of being initiated into the art of conducting the conference program. Gene Robinson will dean the conference at Cove, and Fred Towne will dean at Bridge.

For Superintendents

"The Superintendent Faces His Task," is the title of a 96-page booklet by Charles Marion Ross and Glenn McRae. Its purpose is to help the superintendent know his job and help him do it. Both writers are well qualified for analyzing this job. The price is 75 cents and is well worth the money. Order from The Christian Board of Publication, 2700 Pine Blvd., St. Louis 3, Missouri.

Church Bulletins

Pastors have been notified by post card that the usual pre-convention bulletins will be available for the Sundays of June 1, 8 and 15. They will bear the announcement of the state convention on the first page, and the last page will carry information regarding the convention. The two inside pages will be blank for the church program and announcements. We will furnish these for just the cost of printing and mailing. We cannot tell yet just what that will be, but last year it was 75¢ per hundred. It will not be far from that figure this year. The number we print will depend upon the number you order. Your order must be in by May 1. Send to the state office.

PLANNING CONFERENCE

As this is being read the Young Peoples Planning Conference is closing in Salem. This is the first gathering of this kind Oregon has had. It will not be the last. Watch next issue for a report of this one.

PENDLETON—8 baptisms and 2 by transfer in February. We will install chimes in the organ with a range of 3 miles or more in honor of Al and Nancy Carden. O. D. Harris, pastor.

KLAMATH FALLS — The Church School runs over 300. Audiences are using the annex. Baptized the football coach of the High School. Howard Hutchins, pastor.

BEND — Church has purchased a parsonage for $10,500. An evangelistic meeting by B. Ross Evans, State Evangelist, began on March 23 and will run to April 13. Len B. Fishback, pastor.

IRVING—One baptism and 2 by statement on March 2. The pastor will hold a pre-Easter meeting at Nez Perce, Idaho, from March 23 to April 6. Robert H. Kuykendall, pastor.

CORVALLIS — Two were added by statement and 3 asked for instruction regarding baptism in the week of preaching mission by Delbert Daniels. The church was greatly helped. G. Hayden Stewart, pastor.

ATHENA — The Sunday School is averaging 108. Paul Moore, pastor.

POWELL BUTTE—The meeting by B. Ross Evans, State Evangelist, closed on March 16 with 19 confessions and 7 by statement. Walt and Rosemary Naff, Redmond, led the music. Both sermons and music were highly satisfactory. The church is happy and so is the pastor. D. L. Penhollow.

H. R. VALLEY — Gene and Verna Chamberlain closed meeting on March 23 with 9 confessions. 6 statements and 7 reconsecrations. Attendance was good throughout and everybody is happy with the results. It was one of our greatest meetings here. H. L. Porter, pastor.

SALEM FIRST—There were 4 baptisms on March 16. Dudley Strain, pastor.

WILLAMINA — Harold Cole, living link of the church, visited on March 23. He preached at both services. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

Glad Tidings

ASTORIA—The meeting by C. Alton Brostrom resulted in 5 baptisms and 3 by statement. The church was greatly strengthened. It is hard to measure the worth of the meeting. Clifford Snyder, pastor.

SILVERTON — 5 baptized recently from the young people of the Bible School. Arthur C. Bates, pastor.

MADRAS—The parsonage is finished. 5 were added by statement since January 1. Have started a choir, a church bulletin, and organized a church board. The Week of Compassion offering was $30. Wayne Osborne, pastor.

CULVER—Attendance is showing a marked increase. They have preaching on Sunday evenings. Things look better financially. Wayne Osborne, pastor.

McMINNVILLE—The state secretary enjoyed a delightful visit with the church on March 3. They took a fine state offering. The Week of Compassion offering was $534. S. J. Osborne, pastor. Jimmie has bought a home and the good people of the community gave him $1,500 toward it.

NOTI—7 confessions in the Arlo Bristow meeting. The membership received spiritual awakening which has definitely started on an enlarged program. John Stone is the pastor.

MYRTLE POINT—Held a pre-Easter meeting with Clyde Freeman, of N. C. C. doing the preaching and the music conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Ivan French and Shirley Altig, all from N. C. C. Phil Ryan is pastor.

ONTARIO—There was one transfer of membership on March 23 and a fine young man dedicated himself to Christian work. The church celebrated its anniversary on the 16th and the secretary had the pleasure of helping. Emil Helseth is the pastor. The secretary had his first airplane ride through courtesy of Darrold Beem.

VALE—A flying trip to Vale on the 16th to help them with financial problems was made by the secretary. Lloyd James is the pastor and he is doing a fine work.

ROSEBURG—The Week of Compassion offering amounted to $825. There were 6 confessions of faith and 6 added by statement during March. Kenneth Knox, the pastor, is holding a meeting at Myrtle Point during April.

CORVALLIS—G. Hayden Stewart reports this to be the best year of his ministry with this church. He was highly pleased with the meetings conducted by Delbert Daniels last month. He has been laboring under the burden of sickness—his wife; and recently he received word that his father is very ill.

OREGON CITY — Alton Brostrom held a meeting that was greatly helpful. We have not had the exact results in additions. William Piper is the pastor.

MILWAUKIE—The church is happy to be in their own building, although it is uncompleted. They have called Wayne Jensen as pastor. Congratulations to both.

ST. JOHNS—9 added by baptism and 7 by transfer of membership during January and February. Howard C. Cole, pastor.

ESTACADA—W. S. Crockett, pastor, is much encouraged with the progress of the work there.

EUGENE FIRST—As this copy is being made the meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Rothenberger, of Indianapolis, is in progress. Attendance is good. Report of additions will be made in next issue.